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If Rumors Were Horses

Bob Mastejulia is back and he is thriving. He has been named Sales Manager for **Countryman Press** in Woodstock, Vermont. Congratulations, Bob. Bob and Ray have also opened a bed & breakfast in what we understand is a fabulous place (we are just sorry it wasn't Charleston). Bob's phone number is 800-457-1049.

Our own **Heather S. Miller** (Head of Acquisitions at SUNY-Albany Libraries) has just published her book, *Managing Acquisitions and Vendor Relations*. It is published by Neal-Schuman Publishers in New York and is "How-To-Do-It Manual for Libraries number 23. ISBN is 1-55570-111-6. This is a must read for all of us who find the Charleston Conferences meaningful as many participants have contributed their expertise to this volume. Check it out!

And the globe-trotting **Dora Biblarz** is at IFLA in India as we go to press. We can't wait to hear all about it.

Blackwell North America has joined PUBNET, the electronic book ordering network. Ordering to selected publishers began in June with full network participation expected by September, 1992.

Veteran bookmen **Lyman W. Newlin** of Lewiston, NY, and **Richard Abel** of Portland, Oregon have announced the formation of **Centurion Advisory Group**, a consulting service which provides technical counsel to small and medium-sized book publishers and society publishers in the areas of niche publishing. CAG provides services in the areas of list development, specialized

production requirements, and international marketing. Centurion Advisory Group may be reached via: Lyman W. Newlin, P.O. Box 278, Lewiston, NY 14092, Phone & fax: 716-754-8145 or Richard Abel, 1730 S.W. 90th, Portland, OR 97225. Phone & fax: 503-292-0830.

Move over Santa Claus! Word is that **Charles Germain** is a grandfather. His grandson, Hadrian, was born in Paris on the tenth of June. We hope we look as good as Charles when we get as old as he is!

Baker & Taylor has new toll-free numbers for the U.S. and Canada. Anyone wishing further information should call Information Services at 800-775-1800. Baker & Taylor also has nomination forms available for various awards. These awards include The Academic or Research Librarian of the Year Award (Nomination Form due 12/1/92).

Brodart recently announced the appointment of **Mike Puma** to the position of School Marketing Manager. Brodart also welcomes to their Marketing Department, **Ben Johnson**, as Communications Manager for the Books division. Congratulations to the two of them!

Feona Hamilton has left Bain & Co.'s London office to join **Cassell Publishing**, where she joins Veronica Higgs in an additional Commissioning Editor for Mansell, Cassell's library reference and academic monograph imprint. Feona would welcome ideas and proposals for new titles, particularly those suitable for production in CD-ROM format, from all friends and colleagues in the information world. Contact her at Cassell PLC, Villiers House, 41/47

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And some people have all the luck. **Celia Wagner** (Blackwells) is spending time in Australia with approval plan accounts over the next several weeks. Of course she did her column for *ATG* before she left. And we hope to have a picture of her in her bush hat for the next issue.

Richard Jasper (Emory University) writes that **Peter Luddington** of **Grant & Cutler, Ltd.**, London, England, "died suddenly and quite unexpectedly" in July. Luddington handled university library supply for Grant & Cutler, a task which is now being taken over by Martin McGuinn.

University Microfilms International has announced that they will offer its two popular preservation videos for sale to librarians, archivists, preservationists, and individuals. The videos, "Providing a Future for the Past" and "Caring for Your Microform

Collection: The Next Step in Preservation," are now available for \$9.95 (U.S.) each, including shipping and handling. To order, individuals may call UMI's order hotline at 800-521-3042.

John Duke has been appointed AUL for networking and technical services at **Virginia Commonwealth University**. Congratulations, John!

We were sorry to hear that **Richard Rowe** (CEO of Faxon) had to leave ALA in San Francisco just after the Faxon breakfast because of the death of his mother the day before.

And **Tom Leonhardt** has been appointed AUL for Technical Services at the University of Oklahoma Libraries. Tom says he wants to get back to the ARL library environment. Glad you're getting closer to home, Tom!

Linda Crismond has been appointed Vice President for Publisher Relations at Professional Media Service.

As we go to press, **Mark Sexton** is headed on a well-deserved vacation with his wife. They will be in Florence,

Italy, soaking up the culture. Have a great time, Mark!

Azalee Sain (N.C. Community Colleges) recently returned from a visit to Israel where she saw Robert Maxwell's unmarked grave. Since Azalee had lunch with the famous press baron in Oxford, she was moved by the experience. Azalee is also expecting a new grand baby (she has one already) around the time of the Charleston Conference this year. We hope that the baby arrives according to the Conference schedule so that we will see Azalee in Charleston.

Barry the fantastic **Fast** has been jet setting all over the country this summer. He was last seen up in Maine catching fish.

Katina Strauch's son Raymond went to college at West Point in good old New York State as of June 29. She is having a crisis of motherhood since her first baby is now away from home. Please be patient with all of her numerous and sundry foibles because she is near old age and can't seem to deal with it.

All the rest is quiet on the library front — or is it? ☞